

# WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

Facility superintendents and IDOC executive staff gathered at Turkey Run State Park for the Agency Leader's Symposium to discuss the issues currently facing the Department.

Interim Superintendent Latoya Lane and Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility staff attended a general membership meeting with the Woodruff Place community. Superintendent Lane provided a brief history of IREF, the facility's mission, and opportunities where the facility's residents and community can work together.

Miami Correctional Facility passed its Mock Audit this week with a 100 percent on its mandatory folders and 98 percent on its non-mandatory folders. Auditors were very complimentary of the facility.

The Indiana Women's Prison Community Outreach program made 100 Christmas stockings full of homemade toys and stocking stuffers for the children who visit the facility's Family Preservation Center and for 22 disabled children from IPS School #42.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Officer Brantley Ferguson was recognized this week as the recipient of the facility's 2009 K9 Unit Outstanding Teamwork Award.

The PLUS Program at the Correctional Industrial Facility presented a seminar with Michael A. Hurst, Program Director from the Coalition for Homelessness - Intervention and Prevention (CHIP). He spoke on homelessness status, demographics, causes, and solutions, with some emphasis on issues related to re-entry.

The Indianapolis Parole Office welcomed four employees from Tower Productions based out of Chicago who are visiting and filming parole supervisors and agents in the office and the field for an upcoming television series. The visit was successful and fun for the staff.

Hats off to Wabash Valley Correctional Facility staffer Tammy Mark, who is coordinating a benefit dinner and fundraiser to help a local 17-year-old boy, Dusty Owen. The Carlisle teen was badly injured in a November car crash. Other staff and the WVCF PLUS unit donated quilts and other items to be included in a silent action.

The Indiana Women's Prison Community Outreach program made and distributed 50 hat and scarf sets to the Christmas store of Catholic Services for homeless or low income families.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility Shifting Gears bicycle refurbishing program donated 18 bicycles to the Wes-Del Elementary School in Gaston, Indiana. 20 bikes were also donated to the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation in Indianapolis.

Supervised offender work crews from the Indiana State Prison Minimum Security Unit assisted the Michigan City Street Department during its emergency snow removal operations this week. Mayor Oberlie from Michigan City stated in a news release, "We were successful opening many streets because of that cooperative effort."

Henryville Correctional Facility hosted a Volunteers Recognition event this week. Thirteen different groups attended with a total of 37 volunteers. Herb and Margaret Ellenbrand were presented a plaque for their outstanding service of over two decades to Henryville and for the hundreds of offenders they have helped. A dinner was held afterwards.

Correctional Industrial Facility recognized five employees for their 125 years of total service to the State of Indiana.

Pendleton Correctional Facility off-grounds work crews logged 2,184 hours during December. During 2009, a total of 22,794 community service hours were provided by these crews.

**"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.**